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As shown in Fig. 8, the ORR tire 1 comprises a carcass 2 consisting of a radial cord layer as a foundation, a belt 3 wound round the carcass 2, and a tread 4 wound round the belt 3 covering a crown section and a shoulder section.

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In Figs. 2 and 3 showing a part of surface of the tread 4, TC and TE denote a tread center and a tread end, respectively. And Fig. 2 shows a carved groove 8a formed on the surface of the tread 4 using the cutter Ca. The carved groove 8a is formed so as to elongate from a position distant from the tread center TC by a distance d (neighborhood of a closed end point P of a lug groove 9 (see Fig. 6)) to the tread end TE substantially in direction of the lug groove (direction inclined about 30 degrees to an axis of the tire).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for manufacturing a pneumatic tire in which a green tire having tire components assembled is charged in a mold for vulcanization-molding and lug grooves are formed on a tire tread surface within the mold by lug groove ribs provided on an inner surface of the mold, said method including previously forming carved grooves at positions on a tread